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SUBJ: ORGANIZATION OF WTO FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REF: A) GRIP-PROHME TELECON, MARCH 3, 1975; B) GENEVA 1491

1. AS OF THIS WRITING WTO SYG LONATI HAS ONLY FRAGMENTARY IDEAS ON ORGANIZATION OF FIRST WTO GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT MADRID, A WIDE RANGING TALK WITH MISSION OFFICER ON MARCH 4 REVEALED.

2. HE CURRENTLY PLANS CREATION OF ONLY TWO COMMITTEES--CREDENTIALS AND RESOLUTIONS--AND ESTABLISHMENT OF AD HOC COMMITTEES FOR OTHER PROBLEMS "AS NEEDED."

3. HE FELT ASSEMBLY COULD APPROVE BUDGET CEILING AND THEN GIVE BROAD GUIDELINES TO NEWLY ELECTED EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO DRAW UP PRECISE PROGRAM FOR 1976-77 IN COURSE OF THIS YEAR.

4. LONATI BELIEVES ASSEMBLY SHOULD ELECT ITS OWN TEAM TO NEGOTIATE WTO AGREEMENT WITH ECOSOC.

5. HE SAID HE HAD CONSIDERED CREATION OF ASSEMBLY LEGAL COMMITTEE

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BUT DECIDED THAT WTO'S LEGAL CONSULTANT COULD SERVE AS

ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT'S LEGAL ADVISER AND HENCE MEET LEGAL PROBLEMS THAT MIGHT ARISE IN COURSE OF SESSION.

6. MISSION OFFICER RECOMMENDED THAT AT MINMUM SYG THINK ALSO IN TERMS OF ESTABLISHING A STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN TO PREPARE DAILY SORK CALENDER AND DECIDE HOW POLITICAL ISSUES SHOULD BE HANDLED. MISSION OFFICER ALSO URGED THAT SYG CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF A BUDGET PROGRAM COMMITTEE TO PREPARE GUIDELINES FOR 1976-77 PROGRAM FOR SUBMISSION TO PLENARY.

7. COMMENT: ANY DEPT. RECOMMENDATION RE ORGANIZATION OF FIRST WTO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD PROBABLY BE WELCOMED BY SYG, WHO CLEARLY NEEDS ORGANIZATIONAL HELP IF HIS 22-POINT AGENDA IS TO BE COMPLETED IN MAXIMUM OF THREE WEEKS ALLOCATED.
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